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METALLURGY, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING REDUCED METAL
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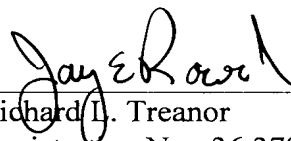
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Chinese Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. The reference(s) cited therein have been previously filed on March 14, 2008 and considered on April 17, 2008.

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